revenue officers to go along with the vaccinators. They say they have multitudes of other work. They have really no time and rightly too. All that we can do at present is to impose strict instructions to the Vaccinators to do their level best in the art of persuasion.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What is the percentage of vaccinated children ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—At present we have not got the exact number. I have asked the Diwan now to include a column in the Census schedule to get a correct idea of the number of unprotected cases and the Diwan has kindly ordered to do that and I think that we will have a correct figure.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Do you think it will be 5 per cent?

Diawn Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If the House will press the Government to see that vaccination is made compulsory it is an easy matter altogether for Government also to pass the law. Another point also was alluded to by the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur about the shifting of the contagious shed. I must say that it is found impossible to do so. I have made considerable investigations for a site better than that and I have faild to find a place which is not objectionable. I think that the contagious shed should remain there for some time. I cannot at present give you any hope of shifting it. I think that this is the place where there is the least objection in Cranganur unless we take it to some wilderness where of course the people will find it difficult to benefit by it. It is comparatively near but well away from the town. The only objection is, there are a few houses near the place the local people have objections to have the shed there. But then it is not a general objection; it is well away from the road but sufficiently near to those who want protection from the shed.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—One word more with regard to vaccination. I would suggest that the Honourable Members of this House might, when they go to their constituencies, advice the people to get their children vaccinated. It would have better results as they are expected to have better influence with the people.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know from the statistics gathered from the Medical Department what is the number of deaths in the villages from small-pox during the last six months?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am asking whether there is a return. What do you think to be a sufficiently large number to be called an epidemic ?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—From the occurrences and deaths?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What will be the number that will create an epidemic form ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I should say it does not definitely depend upon any number. If a few houses in one locality are affected one after another and again in other parts of the town, that I call an epidemic. A special number does not constitute an epidemic. But, however, I may say that if in Ernakulam Municipality there were about a dozen cases I would say that the disease is assuming an epidemic form.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—And in rural parts ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Far more.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—With regard to that shed, I have suggested an alternative site to which it may be removed. It is a place near Edavilangu. I have sent my report. That will be forwarded to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There is no use of housing people far off. We cannot have a special staff of doctors to attend there. If it is conveniently near, they can be looked after.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there any objection in handing this to the Salvation Army?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—These sheds may be handed over to the Salvation Army.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ഈ ഷെഡ് ദിവസംപ്രതി അനേകം ജനങ്ങൾ കൂളിക്കാനുപയോഗിക്കുന്ന ഒരു കുളത്തോട് വളരെ തൊട്ടാണ് സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്നതെന്നു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലൊ. അതുകൊണ്ട് തല്ക്കാലത്തേക്കു ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ സ്ഥലത്തു നിന്നും ഒന്നോ രണ്ടോ ഫർലോങ്ങ് ദൂരെ എങ്കിലും മാറ്റി വയ്ക്കുന്നതു പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ ഉപകാരപ്രദമായിത്തീരും.

ഡിപ്യൂട്ടിപ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—നിങ്ങൾ തന്നെ അതിനു സൌകര്യമായ ഒരു സ്ഥലം പറയുക.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—അവിടെ നിന്നും കുറെ വടക്കു മാറി അതിലേക്കു ഒരു സ്ഥലം കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. പക്ഷെ തീർച്ചയാക്കീട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ശരിയായ സ്ഥലം കാണിച്ചുതരുന്നതായാൽ നീക്കം ചെയ്യാൻ ഗവമെണ്ടിനു വിരോധമുണ്ടൊ?

ദിവാൻബഹദൂർ ഡാക്ടർ വി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്.—ഒരു നല്ല സ്ഥലം കാണിച്ചുതരുന്നതായാൽ അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ഹർജിക്കാരോട് സ്ഥലം കാണിച്ചുതരാൻ ചീഫ് മെഡിക്കൽ ആഫീസർ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുകയുണ്ടായൊ?

ദിവാൻബഹദൂർ ഡാക്ടർ വി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്.—ഹർജിക്കാരോട് ചോദിച്ചു കണ്ടുപിടിക്കാൻ പ്രയാസമാണ്. എങ്കിലും ഞാൻ തന്നെ നേരിട്ടും, അവിടെ ഉള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ മുഖാന്തരവും അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇപ്പോൾ ദിവാൻപേ

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ഷ്ണർ പറഞ്ഞ സ്ഥലം ഞാൻ ചെന്ന പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ട" സൌകര്യമായി തോന്നുവെങ്കിൽ അവിടേക്കു മാറാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ഈ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരല്ലാ ജനങ്ങളാണ് അതുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടും സങ്കടങ്ങളും അനുഭവിക്കുന്നതു്. അതിനാൽ ജനങ്ങളോടു അന്വേഷിക്കയും ആലോചിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്നതായിരിക്കും ഉത്തമം.

ദിവാൻബഹദൂർ ഡാക്ടർ വി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്.—ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർ ഒരു സ്ഥലം കാണിച്ചുതരാമെങ്കിൽ ഞാൻ അതും വന്നുനോക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ഞാൻ കാണിച്ചുതരാം. തല്ക്കാലം മോഷൻ പിൻവലിക്കുന്നു.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Deputy President.—There is a cut motion in the name of Mr. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not move.

Hence the following cut motion was considered withdrawn.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,000 under XXXIII.—Sanitation and Conservancy—Charges for the prevention of the epidemics.*

The grant was put and carried.

(ii) XXIII. Sanitation and Conservancy—A. 2. Contribution to Municipalities—Rs. 10,000.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 10,000—under Sanitation and Conservancy—contribution to Municipalities. Government have promised a contribution of Rs. 10,000 to the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality for the construction of an office building. A contribution has been promised.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You may make a motion, Sir.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I just now said that Rs. 10,000 is proposed as grant to Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality for the construction of an office building. They have already started work. The ex-Diwan, when he went there was satisfied with the necessity of giving a help, a contribution to the Municipality and he proposed to give Rs. 10,000 as a help to the Municipality.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, whether a promise has been made, that the amount would be given to them?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—When was that promise made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—5th of October 1930.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know Sir, whether the Government is in the habit of making promises without provision being made in the budget?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Subject to the sanction of this Council and after it is passed here.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know, Sir, when that promise was made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—5th of October 1930.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Was there an application from the Municipality?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—When please?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If you read the address given by the Municipality you will find that.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—We are not in possession of a copy. When was the request made by the Municipality?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know whether the Hon'ble Secretary is looking for the date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—That is in 1927,

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That was an application for a loan, I suppose. Was that sanctioned? Was there ever an application for a gift? That was not an application for a gift. There was no application for a gift. Then who got this brain wave of making a gift which is unasked for?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—When did the Government get the sanction?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is impossible to get the information.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Nothing on record to show that the Government had any such idea before the 5th of October? Is that so? Is there anything on record to show whether anybody had any such notion.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government had.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What is the date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That date could not be given. It is confidential. Further dates before that are confidential so far as this report is concerned.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know under what category of confidence do these dates come? We are dealing with gifts to a Municipality from public funds. The date of the promise is given there. The date on which the Government took it into their heads to give voluntary amounts out of public funds are said to be confidential. May I know under what head of confidentialness, if I may say so, do these dates come? What is the special confidence?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There might nave been demi-official correspondence.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The House wants to know that, Sir. We don't want to be in the land of guess. We are playing with transferring 10,000 valuable rupees from the State. We want to know, before we sanction, who started the gift to the Municipality unasked?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was a request for financial help. The Municipality in 1927 applied for a loan of Rs. 10,000. It was refused. Subsequently it was allowed.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—We won't allow this sort of jugglery. I am speaking on the motion itself. I am opposing the motion. Let us move stage by stage. This is the information stage. My last question is whether there is any record in the Government archives to show on what date the idea of making a voluntary contribution to the Chittur Municipality arose and also in whose brain?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I could say that it was on the 5th of October. Prior dates are confidential.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will not the Government enlighten us about the urgency of this measure? I can understand if the Medical Department comes forward saying that there is an out break of cholera. I can understand if a portion of Ernakulam is submerged, the Government spending money and telling that we cannot ask you because it is an emergent measure. The place which was made use of is still in existence. We would like to know the urgency.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—He is a man from Chittur.

President.—That is all the information he can give.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I am appealing to the Government spokesman. He asks for a grant. Will he kindly tell us why this money is asked and why this urgency? The matter can very well wait till the next budget session. There have been promises and promises that have been violated. I want to know why you are so very anxious to spend this Rs. 10,000. When you spend public money you must give us a reason.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The reason is for the construction.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Why the urgency now? It is not your fault. I am asking whether there is any information that is available.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—One word by way of explanation. Was an anticipated grant of Rs. 10,000 for 1106, anticipated by the Chittur Municipality refused by the Government?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So far as I remember, there were no definite orders passed.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—By way of supplying the information, I am reading from the budget. "The ordinary receipts anticipated by the Chairman for 1106 come to Rs. 50,920 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 41,645. The main reason for the increase is a provision of Rs. 10,000 which the Chairman expects as a contribution from the Government. The provision made by the Chairman on this account will be deleted. Government have, however, set apart a much larger sum for the maintenance of Municipal trunk roads in 1106." This is the 1106 budget of Chittur-Tattamangalam.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The Member was referring to some address. May I know what it is?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is in the file where this announcement was made.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Where was this address given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A public address given to the Diwan in which it is said that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to grant as contribution Rs. 10,000 to the Chittur Municipality.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If so, can it be discussed in this House?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There may be demi-official approval of the correspondence, not to be taken as formal approval.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was the gift and address on the same day, so that it is a purchase?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Even in the heat of moment, let us words mind our.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On a point of order. Is it part of the duty of the Secretary to ask us how to behave in this Council, or is it the Chairman's duty? This is the third or fourth time, that he is unnecessarily and uninvitedly tendering advices.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Not an advice, but a point of order.

Deputy President.—There are total cuts.

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Motion Nos. I & II.

The following motions were considered withdrawn, as they were not moved.

(1) Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,000 under XXIII—Sanitation and Conservancy A (2) —Contribution to Municipalities—by Re. 1.*

(2) Mr. P. Krishna Menon.— *Do do by Rs. 93.*

Motion No. 3.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 10,000 under XXIII—Sanitation and Conservancy—A(2)—Contribution to Municipalities.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, the total has to be moved. Sir, I rise to move the omission of the allotment of Rs. 10,000 under 23-Sanitation and Conservancy, Contribution to Municipalities. (*Hear, hear*). This is a contribution, as has been elicited, now to be made to the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The President has the power to regulate. If that is passed there is no necessity for the other cut motions.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—I don't press.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—This is a grant to be made to the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality for the purpose of putting up a Municipal building. The Government refused to give a loan. It went on like that and later on the Municipality budgetted for the building, sent up their budget to the Government and their estimate for the building and the estimate was passed by the Government. The Government gave no help at that time. Rs. 7,000 was provided for the purpose of beginning their building and they found money also for the building. They began the work. Then comes the fifth of October 1930. They had found the money. They have taken the building and what happened on the 5th of October? Here is an announcement in public that Rs. 10,000 will be contributed to this Municipality because the Municipality was found to be a good body. What is this somersault? What is this? Three days before the late Diwan laid down the reins of office, he receives an address, makes free gift of the money in the Treasury, without anticipating what the difficulty for the subsequent Government will be! They have to come to this House for the grant and if they thought that the grant is only to be asked for and it will be given—after their experience of the whole budget being thrown out—if they expected this, that was expecting for the Moon! This is a very serious matter. If people can give away money from the Treasury as freely as they are going out of office, after receiving valedictory addresses and complimentary addresses, that

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will be setting a very bad precedent. We have been telling that you scratch one another's back. If the Municipality gave an address, that is no reason why Rs. 10,000 from the Treasury should be given away when there are so many pressing needs in the State and again, Sir, both inside the Finance Committee and inside this House, we asked the Government to provide some money, a lump provision, for contribution to Municipalities. That was in August. The Government flatly refused the request of this House and of the Standing Finance Commiitee to make any provision for contribution to Municipalities. They had absolutely no idea then of making any contribution to any Municipality. Their position was that each Municipality should find its own funds.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was Mattancheri given any money?

Mr. A. B Salem.—Then what is this somersault? Between that session and this session there is an additional grant of Rs. 10,000. If you had acceded to the wishes of this House, you could have provided money and you could have given it to the Municipalities. There would have been no objection. Now, you yourself would not provide any money, so there can be no correspondence of any kind at the time as was attempted to be shown, there was no information, there was no room for it, because there was no idea of any such kind. Then September passed and 5th of October came. Within one month's time, the mentality is changed completely, and a grant is tabled in this House to-day. I submit, there is more under the surface than what can be seen, and therefore, this House cannot be a party to make such a grant. It has been firmly opposed in the Standing Finance Committee, by the non-offical Members that have been sent from this House, we have discussed it thorougly, we were satisfied and we refuse to give our assent to that item of expenditure and I hope this House will support us in throwing out that demand.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I rise to second this motion brought forward by the Member for the Jews. My first objection is, that this amount is not required for any emergency purpose for the Municipal Council was housed in a place and it is still available. In the second place, there is a strong suspicion that this grant was given in return for the tea party given to the Diwan. For what is considered an unreasonable item of expenditure previous to that event, cannot be a very reasonable thing unless both these are connected together. That is the point. In the third place, in a Municipality like Chittur which is a starving Municipality, which depends upon the markets, land tax and

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toll for its existence, a Municipality which has no right to exist, a Municipality which is of no use to any body because it is not a town and a portion of the Cochin State, has been converted into a town in order that it may be saddled with a Municipality. For such a place a small Municipal Office is quite sufficient and there is no use of spending Rs. 10,000.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Rs. 13,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is just to please the Chairman of the Chittur Municipality, it is unjust, improper, shows a want of responsibility on the part of the Government and especially on the part of the person who took the initiative in doing it, under the guise and behind the pretext and the shadow of the throne. I addressed the question to the Government whether His Highness' sanction has been received and I was told there was a kind of informal sanction. That won't do. This sort of informal sanction is not sufficient here. As the Diwan goes, he used to promise many things. I am myself a witness on many occasions. In the midst of his warm feelings he promises many things and when pressed it is essential to say that His Highness' sanction has already been received. The Trichur Municipality is housed in a charitable place. The Government illegally took the place, it is a traveller's satrom. It has been converted into a Municipal Office for housing the Trichur Municipality. I think Ernakulam Municipality have their own place. In Trichur we have not got. Why don't you give it 15 or 20 thousand rupees contribution? Will you please, tell us? Now I understand why there was a motion in the Council for an address. Then I, an ignorant fellow, a fool objected to it. Now I see the wisdom of giving an address by the Municipality. This kind of address, this kind of saying that you are the greatest Chairman, that you are the greatest administrator, is becoming too ridiculous and is becoming too silly. We don't want this sort of thing. Let us close this old chapter and in closing this, let this be our final blow.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sir, it is an irony of fate that one who is accustomed to try his level best to get as much money from the Government for the sake of Municipalities is driven to the necessity of tabling a cut motion. That motion is only a cut motion specifying a certain amount the significance of which I shall relate later on. I support the motion for the total omission for reasons which are not very far to seek. As far as we have been able to ascertain, by way of seeking information, we find that so long back as 1927 the Municipal Council of Chittur asked for the grant of a loan. That was refused

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without much difficulty, I am afraid. Now after that, as I have been able to ascertain, the only step taken by the Municipality was to reaffirm their resolution for seeking a loan and also for seeking permission to wait upon the Diwan in deputation. That Council then had not even the good fortune to have even the courtesy of a reply from the Government. Subsequently, we find when we come to the budget of 1106 proposed by the Council, as I read out the portion earlier, Rs. 10,000 which they anticipated by way of grant or contribution whatever it may be, from the Government, was deleted, deleted not without any reason. It is because of the reason that the maintenance of trunk roads has been taken up by the Government. That was the reply, which implies that it has been refused. Now it is necessary to divert a little upon that budget because there is a provision of Rs. 7,000 for buildings in that budget which was sanctioned by the Government, and the budget as sanctioned left a surplus of Rs. 2,957. Therefore, any plea of going to the assistance of that Municipality, which is in straightened circumstances, has absolutely no foundation to stand upon. Because, they found their own funds when their request for a grant or contribution of Rs. 10,000 was thrown out. When that was thrown out they, out of their own resources, framed up a budget in which provision was made for Rs. 7,000 leaving a surplus of Rs. 2,957. Therefore, left to themselves, the Government must have thought that they were able to stand on their on legs and to provide for a building which will cost in this year Rs. 7,000. We now find that the estimate for that is Rs. 13,000 and odd rupees. Very probably the Council thought that they will be able to provide for the remainder in the next year's budget. Anyhow the Government is not going to wait for that, but the Government rushes, without any request whatever, to make a free grant of Rs. 10,000. Now it will be found that the 5th of October has come out rather prominently.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How did this Rs. 93 come?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—That I shall explain in my own time. "Your request for a Government contribution, for meeting the cost of the new building, has been constantly in my mind and I am satisfied that in the circumstances in which you are now placed, it taxes your resources to meet the urgent calls for various purposes and that the Government should come to your rescue and make a substantial grant'. Where is the request? Where is the necessity? What is the point that was urged before him to show that there was a necessity for a grant? If it is a question of putting up a building, certainly they have provided Rs. 7,000. They did not ask for any grant over and above the

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request that might have been made in the address so far as we have seen; because in the Standing Finance Committee we tried our best to ascertain whether there was any request for any grant at any time subsequent to the refusal Not even a reply to the petition, that they wanted to wait upon the Diwan (*Hear, hear*). I am rather sorry to find that the note circulated for the information of the Members of the Standing Finance Committee is worded in rather, what shall I say, guarded words. "Permission was given for the construction of an office building for the use of the Chittur Municipality at a convenient place midway between Chittur and Tattamangalam. An estimate for Rs. 13,000 has been sanctioned and the Council has already taken up the work. In view of the limited resources of the Council, it is proposed to give a contribution of Rs. 10,000". What is the limited resource? What is the point which shows that they are not resourceful enough to complete the building for which they have already provided Rs. 7,000? It is so worded to show that the thing had been granted. On the strength of the promise they have already taken up work and so it will be rather hard to refuse them now. It is to suggest that meaning that this phraseology is used, that permission was granted and that work was already begun. Surely work was already taken up. They have provided money and they will be going on with the work also. Therefore it goes without saying that it is not because of the true appreciation of the difficulties of Municipalities, that they stand in need of help in proper and legitimate lines of encouragement, that this has been granted but on account of some other thing, of course, which I am not in a position to ascertain what it is now. Now only one word more. That is with regard to the amount I have put down. The amount by which the allotment is to be reduced is Rs. 93.

Deputy President—Why 93?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I want to explain why I put it down as Rs. 93. It is the amount spent already by the Government for enabling the Diwan to make this announcement at Chittur. 124 miles by roads to and fro at 6 annas is Rs. 93. It was openly said that His Highness was graciously pleased to make that contribution. I do not want to stand in the way of His Highness' benevolence even to the extent of a single pie. But as Rs. 93 has already been spent out of Rs. 10,000 I wanted to reduce the Rs. 10,000 by Rs. 93, and nothing more. Now one word. The Diwan has been pleased to make an announcement, not only to the sister Municipalities of Cochin but even to

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